**With All Your Mind, Pt 6**

**Oct 14/15, 2023**

**Speaker: Tom Hughes**

**Opening:** [15 mins] We suggest you begin with an opening prayer and then a brief “catch up” or “icebreaker” before moving into the *scripture reflection* and *application questions*.

**Scripture Reflection:** [20 mins]Read **Matt 22:29 & Matt 24:35.** After allowing the group time to reflect on the passages, ask them to share what most stands out to them.

**Application Questions:** [40 mins](*These questions will help you and your group dig deeper into the weekend sermon. Feel free to edit or use only those which fit your allotted time.)*

1. Tom began week 6 of the “With All Your Mind” sermon series by saying, *“Everybody follows somebody’s word. You either are intentionally being shaped by God’s Word, or you are unintentionally being shaped by someone else’s word.”*
   1. Was there ever a time in your life when you were being unintentionally shaped by someone else’s word other than by God’s Word? Whose word and how so?
   2. Why do you think that there is a need for being “intentional” with God’s Word? What does that currently look like in your life?
2. Tom shared 7 reasons that the Bible could be trusted as God’s Word, including the following: *“correctly predicting history via prophecy, predicting scientific facts about the universe in advance of human knowledge, and withstanding countless critics.”*
   1. Which of these has helped you most to trust the Bible as God’s Word? Why?
3. Tom said another reason we could trust the Bible as God’s Word is because it is messy; “*People who penned the Bible don’t come off looking like heroes all the time.”*
   1. Why do you think having messy, broken people in the Bible makes it reliable?
   2. How does seeing messy, broken people in Scripture help your faith or help you to love God and others?
4. Tom encouraged, *“The Bible is powerful to meet our deepest need.”*
   1. Share some of the ways the Bible has met your deepest needs over your life?

**Closing & Prayer**: [15 mins]

* Have each person in your group share a prayer request, and then have someone pray for them.
* Pray that God would use this sermon series to help CA grow as a church that can share evidential support for Biblical faith.
* Pray that God would continue to bless and grow CA’s 2023 “in person” attendance.